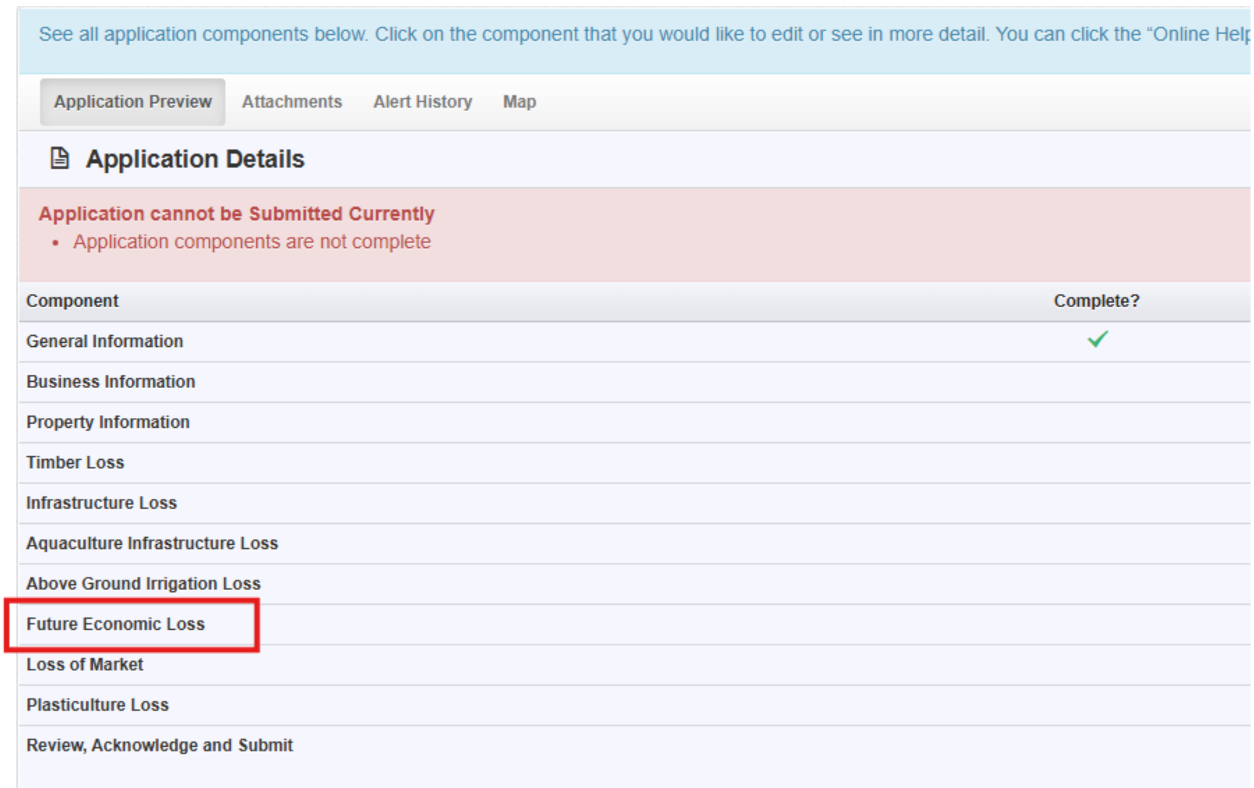
Instructions for completing the Future Economic Loss Form

This guide helps you complete the Future Economic Loss form by providing step-by-step instructions on the information required and how to enter it in the system. After completing Registration and selecting a Funding Opportunity, start a new application and enter general information. You will then be taken to the Application Details page. From the **Application Details** page, click on **Future Economic Loss** from the list of forms.



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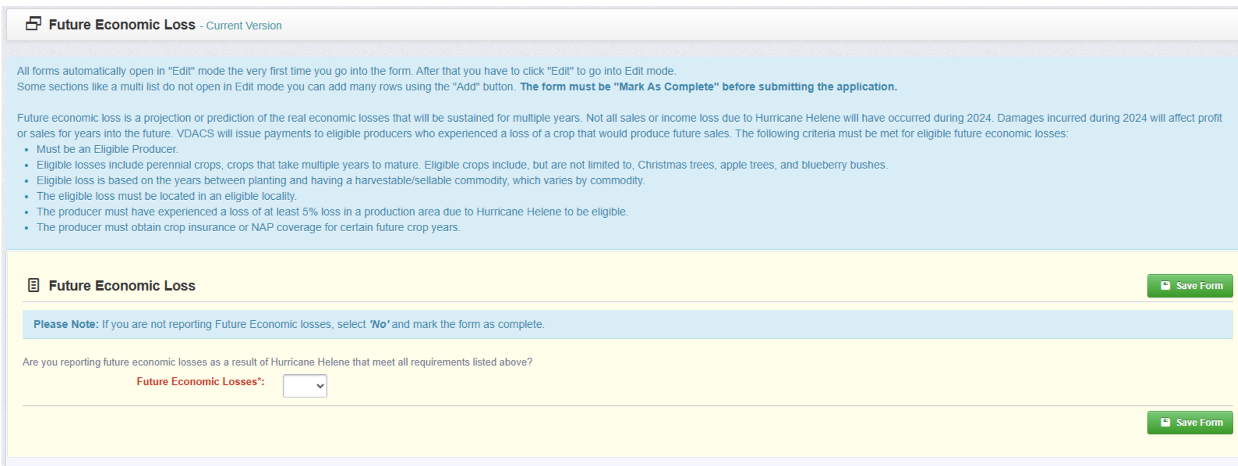
Step 1 – Indicate Future Economic Loss

On the **Future Economic Loss** form,

- Select **Yes** if you are reporting Future Economic Losses due to the storm. Click **save form.**
- If **No**, click **Save Form** and **Mark as Complete.** No further action is required for this form.


Future Economic Loss - Current Version

All forms automatically open in "Edit" mode the very first time you go into the form. After that you have to click "Edit" to go into Edit mode.
Some sections like a multi list do not open in Edit mode you can add many rows using the "Add" button. **The form must be "Mark As Complete" before submitting the application.**

Future economic loss is a projection or prediction of the real economic losses that will be sustained for multiple years. Not all sales or income loss due to Hurricane Helene will have occurred during 2024. Damages incurred during 2024 will affect profit or sales for years into the future. VDACS will issue payments to eligible producers who experienced a loss of a crop that would produce future sales. The following criteria must be met for eligible future economic losses:

- Must be an Eligible Producer.
- Eligible losses include perennial crops, crops that take multiple years to mature. Eligible crops include, but are not limited to, Christmas trees, apple trees, and blueberry bushes.
- Eligible loss is based on the years between planting and having a harvestable/sellable commodity, which varies by commodity.
- The eligible loss must be located in an eligible locality.
- The producer must have experienced a loss of at least 5% loss in a production area due to Hurricane Helene to be eligible.
- The producer must obtain crop insurance or NAP coverage for certain future crop years.

Future Economic Loss

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Please Note: If you are not reporting Future Economic losses, select ***'No'*** and mark the form as complete.

Are you reporting future economic losses as a result of Hurricane Helene that meet all requirements listed above?

Future Economic Losses*:

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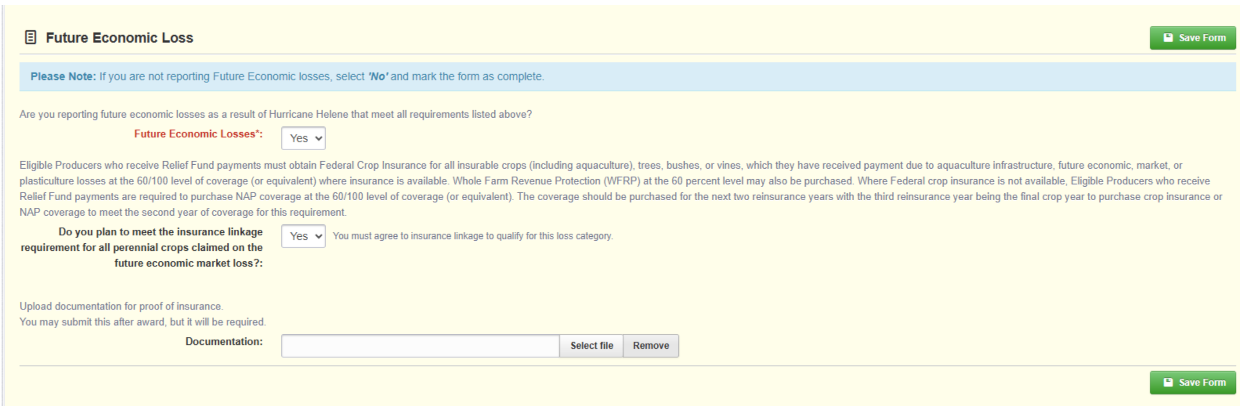
Step 2 – Insurance Requirement

• If you select **Yes** for losses, then you will be asked if you plan to meet the **insurance linkage requirement** (See grant guidance below) for the perennial crops claimed due to future economic loss. (This is required by USDA.)

• Select **Yes** and, if available now, upload documentation of proof of federal insurance.

• This document is **not required at this stage** but will be required later.

Click **Save Form** after answering.



Future Economic Loss

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Are you reporting future economic losses as a result of Hurricane Helene that meet all requirements listed above?

Future Economic Losses*: Yes

Eligible Producers who receive Relief Fund payments must obtain Federal Crop Insurance for all insurable crops (including aquaculture), trees, bushes, or vines, which they have received payment due to aquaculture infrastructure, future economic, market, or plasticulture losses at the 60/100 level of coverage (or equivalent) where insurance is available. Whole Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP) at the 60 percent level may also be purchased. Where Federal crop insurance is not available, Eligible Producers who receive Relief Fund payments are required to purchase NAP coverage at the 60/100 level of coverage (or equivalent). The coverage should be purchased for the next two reinsurance years with the third reinsurance year being the final crop year to purchase crop insurance or NAP coverage to meet the second year of coverage for this requirement.

Do you plan to meet the insurance linkage requirement for all perennial crops claimed on the future economic market loss?: Yes You must agree to insurance linkage to qualify for this loss category.

Upload documentation for proof of insurance.
You may submit this after award, but it will be required.

Documentation: Select file Remove

Save Form

Grant Guidance:

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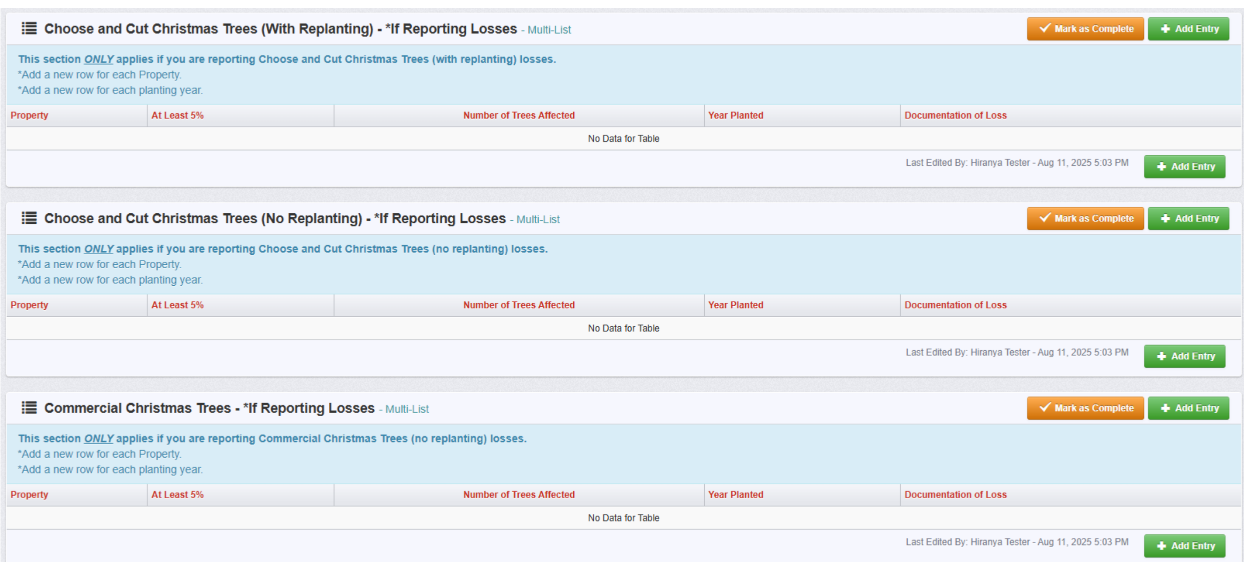
Step 3 – Enter Perennial Crop Loss Details

This form contains **separate sections for each perennial crop type**. **Crop Sections Include:**

- Choose and Cut Christmas Trees (With Replanting)
- Choose and Cut Christmas Trees (No Replanting)
- Commercial Christmas Trees
- Semi-Dwarf Apple Trees
- Standard Apple Trees
- Pick-Your-Own Blueberry Bushes
- **Other Crops** – This section is for any perennial crops not listed above.

*If you are reporting losses for multiple planting years, **you must create a new row for each planting year**. Example: If Farm A has Christmas trees planted in 2020 and 2021, you will need **two separate rows**.*

***You must create a new row for each property.** Example: If Farm A and Farm B has Commerical Christmas trees losses, you will need **two separate rows**.*



Choose and Cut Christmas Trees (With Replanting) - *If Reporting Losses - Multi-List

Mark as Complete | Add Entry

This section *ONLY* applies if you are reporting Choose and Cut Christmas Trees (with replanting) losses.
*Add a new row for each Property.
*Add a new row for each planting year.

Property	At Least 5%	Number of Trees Affected	Year Planted	Documentation of Loss
No Data for Table				

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Choose and Cut Christmas Trees (No Replanting) - *If Reporting Losses - Multi-List

Mark as Complete | Add Entry

This section *ONLY* applies if you are reporting Choose and Cut Christmas Trees (no replanting) losses.
*Add a new row for each Property.
*Add a new row for each planting year.

Property	At Least 5%	Number of Trees Affected	Year Planted	Documentation of Loss
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Commercial Christmas Trees - *If Reporting Losses - Multi-List

Mark as Complete | Add Entry

This section *ONLY* applies if you are reporting Commercial Christmas Trees (no replanting) losses.
*Add a new row for each Property.
*Add a new row for each planting year.

Property	At Least 5%	Number of Trees Affected	Year Planted	Documentation of Loss
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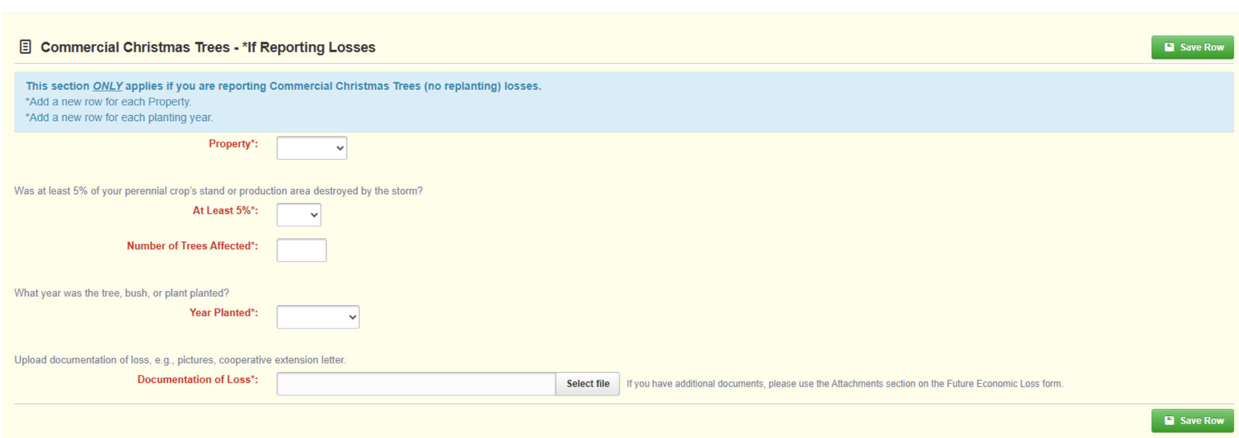
For each crop section listed (You will repeat these steps for all the sections expect for other crops):

1. Click **"Add Entry"** in the section that matches your crop type.
2. **Complete all required fields** (marked with a red asterisk *):
   - **Property** – Select the property where the loss occurred.
   - **At Least 5%** – Indicate whether at least 5% of the perennial crop's stand or production area was destroyed by the storm.
   - **Number of Trees/Bushes/Plants Affected** – Enter the number affected.
   - **Year Planted** – Select the planting year for the crop.
   - **Documentation of Loss** – Upload documentation such as photos, cooperative extension letters, or other verification.
3. **Save Row** after entering each set of details.



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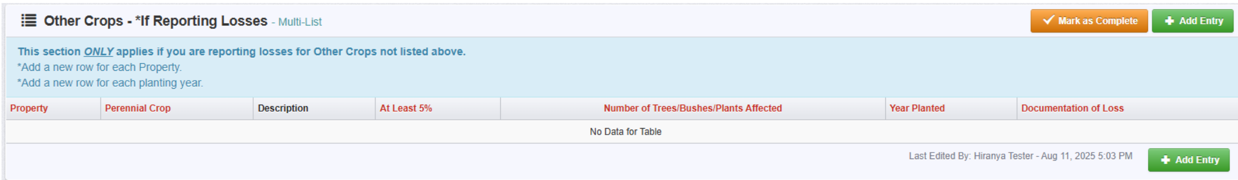
For "Other crop" section listed:

1. **Click "Add Entry"** in the section that matches your crop type.



2. **Complete all required fields** (marked with a red asterisk *):
   - **Property** – Select the property where the loss occurred.
   - **Name of the other perennial crop**.
   - **Description of the perennial crop loss.**
   - **At Least 5%** – Indicate whether at least 5% of the perennial crop's stand or production area was destroyed by the storm.
   - **Number of Trees/Bushes/Plants Affected** – Enter the number affected.
   - **Year Planted** – Select the planting year for the crop.
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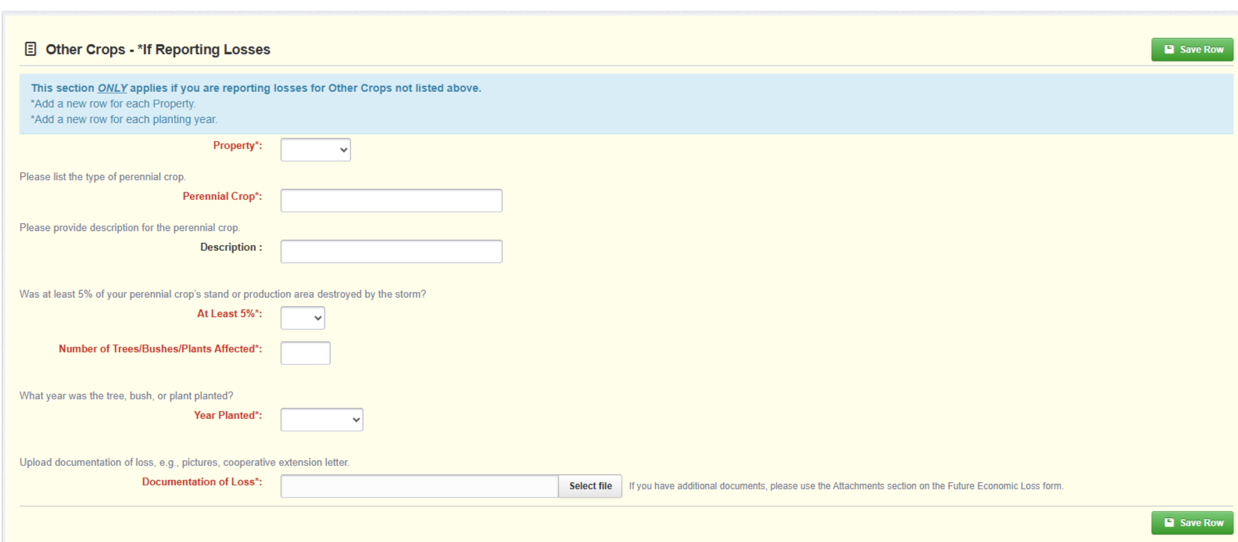
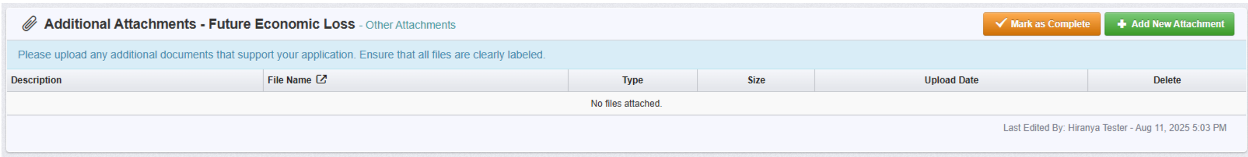


Step 4 – Additional Attachments (if any)

- Use the **Additional Attachments** section to upload any extra supporting files.



Step 5 – Finalize the Form

- Once all entries are complete and documents are uploaded, click **Mark as Complete**.